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REPORT OF OFFICE YEAR 1908.

A considerable increase in almost every return for 1908 is shown, both in expenditure and receipts: this shows a most satisfactory progress in the work of the Union. Particularly is there a marked increase in the Parents' Union School Book trade, proving that the Committee were fully justified in taking the risk of starting this new venture in September 1906. In 1907 the profit accruing from sale of the books was £24.7.0; in 1908 it is £109.7.0, an increase of £25. After deducting the salary of the clerk who had to be engaged on account of the extra work involved, viz. £20, and a fair proportion (£15) of the rent of the large office, we are able to shew a net profit of £69, which helps considerably towards the expenses of Propaganda work, which increase yearly. I should like to say here that we should be grateful to any member of Committee who would place orders for books (of any description) with the Office. Special books can be obtained in about three days.

Outgoing letters numbered 9,224, an increase of 1,597; and incoming letters 7,952, increase 960. Parents' Reviews sent out by post 9,015, increase 1,202. Parcels, 2,080, decrease 38; this decrease I attribute to the Library having been so little used.

Literature to the amount of £26.0.11 has been sold, an increase over 1907 of £5.11.6. Profit on Home Education Series £10.10.0, a decrease of 17/2 due to profit being used for supplying two complimentary sets of the Series. Parents' Union School Fees handed to us by Miss Mason for the trouble and expense of collecting the fees, roughly £5.10.0; no change.

Central Members' subscriptions have gone up £6; and Donations are down by £24.10.0.

The Lecture Fees received by Miss Farish amount to £21.8.0. Travelling Expenses and Postages shew a large increase in expenditure, but this is due to Propaganda. The expenses of the Conference were £61.12.10 and the receipts £51.0.6. The expenses should have been rather less and the receipts more, had not the Handbook been in the hands of most unsatisfactory printers, who delivered the first supply after the Conference had begun instead of beforehand.

The Committee will I think be able to judge a little of the growth of Office work when I point out that at Dec. 31st, 1901, i.e. just before I took up office, the money paid into the Bank was £292; in 1908 it is £1765, while moneys paid out in 1901 were £745 and in 1908 £1760. I regret that no apparent record of correspondence was kept, but I do not think I am overstating when I say that outgoing and incoming letters are trebled.

Since Feb. 1st, 1908 there have been 330 callers and 946 trade calls at the Office. (This record was not kept during Jan. 1908)

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Parcels out 1909 2553
1908 2080
Increase 473

Letters in 1909 9613
1908 7952
Increase 1661

Letters out 1909 9972
1908 8623 1349
Increase

Reviews out 1909 10802
1908 9915 889
Increase

Calls 1909 527
1908 330
Increase 197

Trade Calls 1908 946
1909 792 154
Decrease

General Membership 1909 452
1908 401
Increase 51

Subscribers to Parents Review 1909 218
1908 184
Increase 34

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Letters In 1910 9644

" " 1909 9613

Increase. 31

Letters Out 1910 14529

" " 1909 9972

Increase. 4,557

P. Receipts Out 1910 12,956

" " 1909 10,802

Increase 1,254

Parals Out 1910 2709

" " 1909 2,553

Increase 156

balls 1910 666

" 1909 527

Increase. 139

Trade calls 1910 1211

1909 946

Increase. 265

Members 1910 536

" 1909 507

Increase. 29

P.R. Subscribers 1910 219

1909 228

~~Increase~~ 9

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	<u>1911</u>	<u>1910</u>	<u>Increase.</u>
Letters In	10,248	9,644	604
Letters Out	15,132	14,529	603
Packets Out	2,740	2,709	31
PRs Out	13,000	12,056	944
balls	703	666	37
Trade	13,06	1,211	95.
Members .	557	536	21
P.R. Subscribers.	243	219	24